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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes,

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to a memorandum from DD/P recommending the establishment of the Developments Project Division and commented while he realized it was not the intent that all projects of the clandestine services would be processed through this proposed division, he felt it would be better if its name was changed to so indicate; e.g., Developments Division, Technical Developments Project Division, etc. (Action: DD/P). The Director also noted that Colonel Burke is being appointed as the Acting Chief, and remarked he preferred by and large to have career officers as Division Chiefs. Mr. Bissell pointed out that Burke in fact is filling the Deputy's slot and should he return to the Air Force in June of this year, steps would be taken before that time to select a replacement. General Cabell said he hoped the Director would keep an open mind about the assignment of a career officer as chief of this particular division since he felt that our purposes might be better served by filling it with an active Air Force officer since its activities will be closely associated with Air matters.

b. Noted he had received a copy of a sensitive State Department cable dealing with the Berlin situation and handed it to Mr. Amory to read and pass on to DD/P. The Director asked that this cable be returned to his office.

c. Mentioned he had been advised by Livingston Merchant that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had given him a rather hard time in connection with the tape on the Soviet shoot-down of the C-130 over Soviet Armenia. Apparently the Committee was put out because it had not been advised in advance of the publication in the press of the information contained in this tape. The Director said it might be

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well for Messrs. Warner and [redacted] to get in touch with Bill Macomber of State who has the transcript of Mr. Merchant's appearance before the Committee and read it. [redacted] 25X1 ILLEGIB

d. Noted a cable from [redacted] requesting that the [redacted] be furnished a copy of [redacted] report of his visit to [redacted] and stated he saw no useful purpose being served in providing a full copy of the report; however, he had no objection to a sanitized version. Action: Mr. Helms 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

GENERAL CABELL:

Stated it would be helpful to him and the Director if the Deputies, in submitting projects for approval of the DCI/DDCI, would indicate on a "blue buck tag" whether or not, in their opinion, the project should be submitted to the 5412 Committee. The Director agreed but made it clear that this expressed opinion of a Deputy would not become a part of the project action. He said while the advice of his Deputies would be desirable, the Director in the final analysis would have to make the decision and he therefore did not wish to establish any written criteria for submission of projects to the 5412 Committee. He also noted, however, that the annex to NSC 5412/2 does in general describe what type of project should come before this Committee, and in response to a query from Mr. Bissell, suggested that he get a briefing on this from Tom Parrott.

MR. BISSELL:

Stated that for some time he had been concerned about the amount of textual material, together with detailed financial information, provided each project coming before the PRC. He noted his intention of discussing this with the Comptroller since he had been advised that the Comptroller has a requirement for such detailed information. Colonel White commented he could see no objection to reducing the amount of detailed information accompanying projects provided such action does not interrupt the project cycle.

MR. HELMS:

Noted he had been advised by Mr. Klauss of the Department of State that, at Deputy Under Secretary Murphy's request, consideration

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is being given by the Department to taking the shoot-down of the C-130 over Soviet Armenia to the International Court at The Hague. He pointed out that in his opinion before any such action is taken, particularly in view of the monitoring of this incident and the resultant tape therefrom, we needed more information on the [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] program which in fact provided the tape. The Director stated he saw no useful purpose in taking this particular incident before the International Court and asked Mr. Helms to get in touch with Loftus Becker, Legal Adviser, and so advise him. Mr. Helms also commented that he understood that [redacted] 25X1 matter.

MR. AMORY:

a. Mentioned he had spent a most interesting day on 12 February at Headquarters, Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia, and had learned that in the Command's Intelligence Section, the material on hand was comprised of 50% from NIS, 10% from CIA, and the remaining 40% from the other intelligence agencies. In reply to a query from the Director, he stated that General Clark is well pleased with the information received from this Agency but is concerned about the lack of information on the composition of the Soviet Army of the future.

b. Noted that at the staff level of DD/I and DD/P there was disagreement on the mission and function of HTAUTOMAT and asked Mr. Bissell if this had been brought to his attention. Mr. Bissell commented it had and undertook, at the Director's request, to discuss this matter further with DD/I.

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